

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

IN RE:

**MANDATORY ELECTRONIC CASE
FILING.**

MISC. ORDER 155

WHEREAS, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 5005(a)(2), 9011, and 9029 authorize courts to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, and verification of documents by electronic means; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma has implemented its Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System (the "ECF System"), with an operational date of December 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Judges of this Court have implemented administrative procedures necessary to the operation of the ECF System in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Judges of this Court have determined that the administrative processes of the Court will best be served by requiring all attorneys who practice before this Court to file all documents electronically using the ECF System;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Effective September 1, 2004, all pleadings (including proofs of claim) filed before this Court by attorneys must be filed electronically using an internet connection. Attorneys who file paper documents with the Court after August 31, 2004, may be issued an order to show cause for their failure to comply with this General Order. Possible sanctions for failure to comply with this General Order may include the

striking from the Court file of the document submitted by counsel, forfeiture of attorney's fees, entry of an order barring said counsel from further practice before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, or other appropriate sanction.

2. Any party not represented by an attorney may file paper documents. Parties not represented by attorneys who file proofs of claim and/or reaffirmation agreements may file electronically or through the submission of paper documents. The procedures for the filing of paper documents shall be contained in the *Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means* prepared and published by the Clerk of this Court.
3. This order supplements, but does not supercede, General Order No. 144.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2004.

BY THE COURT:



TERRENCE L. MICHAEL, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT



DANA L. RASURE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE